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"ASPECT OF ETERNITY"

(Westchester Star)

A way of life and of thought in a disintegrating world is receiving the attention of Western philosophers these days. They see a wave of bitterness and frustration leading to neuroticism which could throw the human race into complete disorder as times grow tougher.

What is the answer? Bertrand Russell thinks it is the duty of western teachers to persuade folks to view affairs from the aspects of eternity. If that can be accomplished, man will take current irritations and calamities in his stride.

First we must be possessed with belief in our western way of life and willingness to fight for it. The West emphasizes the dignity and value of the individual. The East puts the state above everything. Human life and welfare are cheap and expendable except as they contribute to the glorification of the demi-gods who head the state.

We must, says Russell, have the courage of our way of life and not all w ourselves to be bemused or bewildered by the false slogans of the pagans. We must believe that man and his welfare are the end of creation, not a slave state where men are cannon fodder and the playthings of the secret police.

The child, says Russell, lives in the minute, the boy in the day and instinctive man in the year. The intelligent man imbued with history, lives in the epoch. He would go farther with Spinoza and have us live in eternity, properly appreciating the great achievement of man despite his adverse environment, aware of the fact that the only proper function of man on earth is to advance the human family. In doing so he sheds the light that is the hope of the world.

We must cleave to our Western way of life, giving up our lives if necessary to keep individual man pressing on to his eternal destiny

Football coach resigns at V. P. I. after his teams win only one game in three years.

THE SMILE AS AN INVESTMENT

(Norfolk Ledger Dispatch)

Whether or not there is justification for the recently made charge that the manners of the nation are deteriorating there can be no doubt that a cheery word or a sunny smile here and there are investments which pay large dividends even though not collected in the currency of the land.

Merchants and business men who are large employers of workers are said to be unanimously of the opinion that the most successful salesmen are those who perform their tasks with smiling courtesy and that such are the ones they retain, as far as possible, when conditions force a reduction in the number of their employees.

Motives of policy or business reasons, though, are not the only reasons for sweetness of manners in the daily walks of life. A smile or a kind word, like mercy, blesses both the giver and the recipient. For both they make the world a more pleasant place in which to live and render it easier to endure the hardships that must be endured and to perform the tasks that must be performed.

When investments are made in property, stocks, bonds or other things of material value the transactions call for the use of varying sums of money. Where the commodity sought, though, is good will and those things the broadcasting of which renders more pleasant the journey of life not a penny of expense need be incurred.

In individual policy of smiling courtesy, then, is one against which no word can be said with truth and its world-wide adoption might well prove a powerful aid in the solution of some of the problems which are now afflicting the nations.

Gen. Eisenhower renews statement of 1948 that he is not a candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

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DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 6: 5-15.

Growing in Prayer

Lesson for October 22, 1950

LIFE MAGAZINE, which does not set up as an authority on religion some years ago carried a story about a little girl who was going to be confirmed in the Episcopal church. In describing the requirements for confirmation, the reporter said she had "graduated from 'Now I Lay Me' to the Lord's Prayer."

Most Christian ministers, including those of the denomination in which she was confirmed, would agree that (1) if that is as far as she had "graduated," she still had a very long way to go in learning about prayer, but (2) the little girl had got about as far as thousands of "Christians" ever go. They learn the Lord's Prayer when they are children and that's that. When they grow up they don't actually pray, themselves; they leave it up to Grandma or the preacher—or the tiny tots who "sound so cute" saying "Now I Lay Me."

Dr. Foreman

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The Lord's Prayer

THIS is not meant to say anything against the Lord's Prayer, or to imply that we are wrong every time we use it. But our Lord did not mean that prayer to be used as a magic formula, he did not intend it as a substitute for our own free prayers. We know this is so, because in the first place he himself never used that prayer again, and in the second place, although dozens of prayers by Apostles and others are recorded in the New Testament, the Lord's Prayer, as such, is never used. Then what is the Lord's Prayer?

It is his suggestion as to the lines along which, and the spirit in which, we ought to pray. (See the book by William Douglas Chamberlain on the Lord's Prayer, "The Manner of Prayer."

One truth suggested by the Lord's Prayer is that we are not alone in the world. Every verb, every pronoun referring to the one who prays, is in the plural—OUR Father . . . forgive US . . . lead US . . . We have to remember that God is Father of others, not of ourselves alone; that we dare not be selfish in asking special favors of him for ourselves.

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Maturing in Prayer

PRAYER at its lowest level is nothing much more than "Gimme." The untaught pray-er may even talk to God as if he were a personal servant, a kind of celestial bell-boy on call whenever we ring for him.

The growing Christian will grow in prayer as in all things; he will grow to the point where, even when he prays as an individual, he will be remembering how many ties bind him to other individuals; he will pray less and less for his own necessities and more and more for what he may share with others.

The beginning Christian, like childish Christian, will pray as a child prays. If his prayers were all arrows they would all point toward himself. As for the mature Christian, if his prayers were visible arrows they could be seen pointing into all the world; he will have those in every land for whom he prays, for his heart bears their names in love and faith.

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Learning God's Will

A GOOD deal of worrisome argument has gone on over the question: Can prayer change the will of God? We shall be less bothered by that question when we discover two truths.

One is that in the Lord's Prayer, and in the Bible generally, we have already revealed to us the lines along which God's will moves; and the other is that prayer itself is a means of learning God's will.

If we know that God's will is against something, then, if we have any sense, we know there is no use in praying for that thing. If we know God's will desires something, then we can be confident that our prayers in that direction will be heard with favor.

A study of the Lord's prayer, from this angle, will teach a Christian how to pray in accordance with God's will. Paul knew this. When he prayed that his Philippian friends' "love may abound more and more," he knew very well that this was precisely in line with the will of the Father who is eternal Love.

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COVER CROPS ADVISED IN SOYBEAN PLANTINGS

It's about time to sow cover crops in Virginia's soybean plantings.

W. C. White, of the agronomy staff at V. P. I. says crimson clover, rye grass, or a combination of the two, should be seeded when the soybean leaves start drying in the fall.

The cover crop will prevent leaching during the winter months, and will provide grazing for livestock.

White says the failure to use a winter cover crop means the loss of about 50 pounds of nitrogen per acre from the soil.

He says to broadcast a mixture of 15 pounds each of crimson clover and ryegrass, if you prefer to use one of the crops alone ,however, to broadcast at the rate of about 25 pounds per acre.

This recommendation applies only when the soybeans are planted in rows. If the soybeans were drilled or broadcast, the growth would be too thick for seeding cover crops.

There are about 167,000 acres of soybeans in Virginia. White figures cover crops would save $800,000 by preventing the leaching of nitrogen fixed and left in the soil by soybeans after combining.

TRAVEL COUNCIL PLANS STATE PUBLICITY

Richmond, Oct. 18.- The Virginia Travel Council this week issued a call to representatives of 2,100 businesses throughout the state to meet at Natural Bridge on October 27 and 28 to plan 1951 publicity and advertising for Virginia. The occasion is the second annual meeting of the Council, which two years ago adopted as its goal the creation of a half billion dollar tourist business for Virginia within five years. It estimates that Virginia today enjoys an income of more than $300,000,000 from its visitors.

Numerous top flight authorities on various phases of service for the traveler will lead discussions and forums.

Virginia gains last minute victory over Washington and Lee in annual Tobacco Festival football game in Richmond.

Appomattox and Bedford played to scoreless tie in the homecoming football game here Friday night.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Oct. 17.- Misses Patricia and Nell Farrar were the Wednesday night guests of Miss Essie Ann Glover.

Lawrence Stewart, of Covington spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart.

Mrs. O. C. Paulette was able to be at Sunday School Sunday, after a spell of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples attended the wedding of Miss Nell Staples, a neice of Mr. Staples, which took place in Lynchburg on Saturday night.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner recently were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith and two children, of Appomattox; Mrs. Ryland Staples and daughter; Mrs. J. C. Staples, Mrs. Raymond Gamble, Mrs. D. M. Gamble and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan and Mrs. S. D. Thompson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mrs. Howard Glover and three children and Herbert Greene and Clifford Finchum spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Otis Hannah, of Hurtsville.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. G. A. Chocklett and Mrs. Emma Thomas.

Mrs. Julian White and children spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

A. B. Ferguson spent the week-end with Mrs. T. D. Harris and family, of Oakville.

Mrs. Howard Glover and girls and Herbert Greene called to see Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Finchum and family, of Prospect recently.

Miss Lois Mann and John Notestein motored to Waynesboro Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Anderson, of Appomattox was the Sunday guest of her sister, Mrs. Emma Thomas.

Mrs. H. C. Staples and Mrs. Clara Garrett were in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farrar and son were in Lynchburg the past week.

Little Junior Franklin has had trouble with his eye, but is back at school now.

Mrs. C. J. Paulette spen the week-end recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ferguson, at Forest.

Miss Joan Gamble was a dinner guest Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ferguson, Herbert Rice and Kathy Rice, all of Forest called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John and son, of Phenix; Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and daughter, of Pamplin spent the week-end with Mrs. Clara Garrett.

Pamplin RFD 1

Pamplin, R. F. D. 1, Oct. 17.- Mrs. Louise Penely, of Richmond, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and mrs. W. J. Tolley.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship enjoyed a social and weiner roast at the home of Mrs. Robert Tolley on last Wednesday night. Several of this group plan to attend the Sub-District meeting at Madisonville Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Baldwin spent Saturday in Farmville.

Mrs. Mary Sizemore is spending several days in Farmville this week visiting her daughters, Mrs. Ralph Arrington and Miss Minnie Sitemore.

Miss Merle Millner, of Appomattox was the Sunday guest of Nona and Bobbie Meadows

Edward Layne, of Fort Bragg, N. C., spent the week-end at his home near here.

Several from our community have been called for military service, namely, Jack Williams, Hart Baldwin and Roy Tolley. Howard Arrington has reenlisted for further service in the Army. He was discharged in July after spending two years in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Arrington and son, of Red House, and Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Simpson, of Farmville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Arrington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Callahan,of Newark, N. J., have returned home after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beale.

Tommie Tolley has returned to his home after spending several months with relatives in Huntington, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow B. Davis, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meadows, of Richmond spent Sunday with Mrs. Annie Meadows and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ranson and children spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baldwin are visiting relatives in Wisconsin.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Stewards and other officers of the church Thursday night at the Piney Ridge Church. Business for the coming year will be attended to.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kress, Raymond and Ralph Kress, Lloyd Richardson and Mrs. Richard Davis spent the week-end with relatives in West Virginia.

Mrs. Clarence Richardson spent Saturday in Farmville.

Richwood

Richwood, Oct. 17.- "It is in general more profitable to reckon up our defects than to boast of our attainments." —Quoted.

Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Mrs. Jessie Blaser visited with Mrs. D. A. Pugh Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin and daughter, Mary Lou were the dinner guests of his parents Sunday.

Miss Marvis Wooldridge visited with Mrs. D. A. Pugh Saturday afternoon.

James Moore was the guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams.

Mrs. G. P. Brannon and daughter, Valera, were dinner guests on Sunday of Mrs. Brannon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh spent Sunday afternoon with Mr and Mrs. Jessie Blaser.

Esmond Pugh and Willie Pugh were in Brookneal on business Friday.

Murray demands increase in pay from U. S. Steel.

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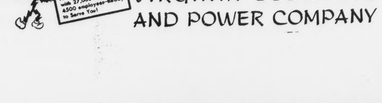

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